

## Cutting Up in Science

Shown in the picture at the left are several seventh graders from Mr. Topp's science class working on dissecting pigs.

During the middle school or junior high school years, students may start to think about future jobs such as coaches, trainers, doctors, dentists, dental hygienists and others. Dissecting pigs may not seem very much like these jobs but it does give the student ideas. Some good, some bad. Hopefully, students will not only think about jobs but also about comparative anatomy. Comparative anatomy compares the anatomies of the simple animals to the complex animals, like man," explains Mr. Topp for our reporter.

Both Mr. Topp's seventh grade science classes and Mr. Snyder's classes are finishing up their units on dissecting.

## SUN SIGHTS FEB. 26

What else is new in the science realm? Mr. Barnes' classes were lucky enough to be able to view the solar eclipse (safely of course) Monday, February 26. Mr. Barnes had his equipment, telescope and so forth set up, outdoors that day. It was an excellent day for an eclipse. If you missed the eclipse this year, don't worry. You will have another chance in 38 years!

## new color wall to wall

The building is finally getting a new coat of paint. Incredible but true. Beginning on the second floor with the reading and writing labs, the old dingy walls are being brought back to life. The west end of the hall has been completed. Mr. Lutz's room has been done and Mr. Barnes' is next. Maybe they'll even do the restrooms- (and the girls can say farewell to that awful pink.)

It's pleasant to look down that hall way these days- we can't wait to see the rest of the building done too.



## Festival for Band

The eighth grade band went to festival the weekend of March 4. The contest took place in St. Joseph, Michigan, on Saturday, March 3.

The band left the middle school at 7:45 and returned around 1:00 p.m. Members of the band have been practicing for weeks on their group number, "Little Russian Suite." Other music they played they had never seen before; their ability to sight read music became the critical judging point.

## dance a delight

The second middle school dance was held February 9 at 7:30 in the middle school gym. The music was provided by records and an added feature was the strobe lighting used.

Mr. Pefley reported that the dance went well. Students are looking forward to the next dance to be just as much fun.

Work is underway for the annual middle school talent show to be held towards the end of March or early

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## what's happening?

This-corner's as good a place as any for summing up some of the more current bits of information.

First, congratulations are in order for Mr. D'Aracangelis and the 8th grade band. They returned from festival last Saturday with a I (the highest rating) on their performance. They received a II for their sight-reading, and an overall rating of II. They all will get medals. Good work!

Never let it be said that there's nothing going on around here... this last two weeks (p.3)

## GOOD TIMES ADVICE

Dear Good Timers Advice,

I have a friend who always wants to copy off my papers. If I don't let her, she gets mad at me. What should I do?

"In a rut"

Dear "Rut",

I would suggest that you try to talk things over. Try and find out where she has trouble and help her. Good luck.

Dear G.T.A.,

I have a really huge crush on this guy. The trouble is he doesn't know I exist. I have him in a few classes, but he never notices me. I don't want to be too straight forward. What should I do?

"Lovesick"

Dear "Sick",

Ask yourself "Is this guy really worth it?" If he is, try to strike up a conversation with him. Tell him he looks terrific. (it may sound corny but it can work!) Ask him to help you with your class work. Hope it works.

Dear G.T.A.,

I am a compulsive homework loser. Every time I take my homework home to do, I forget it or misplace it. What can I do?

"Loser"

Dear "Loser",

Try tying a string around your finger and tape your homework where you go first thing in the morning, like, say, on the bathroom mirror. Good luck.

Thought for the day: Let a smile be your umbrella ... and you'll find out you're all wet!



April. Sign-up was this past week in Mrs. Herm's room March 6. Try-outs for the final contestants will be held in the next week. See the bulletin for further details.

## wappaw jr. due in May

The 1979 Wappaw Jr. went to press February 15. The book is sent to Texas where it takes approximately twelve weeks to print and put together. Students can expect to receive their copies some time in May, providing they placed an order in November. A limited number of extra copies will be available, but they will cost a bit more than the \$4.50 the earlier orderers paid. Also, they are not available until all the ordered books have been distributed.

This year's yearbook staff included Kara Lucas, Jill Terrill, Debbie Haefner, Paula Nash, Aneda Roberts, Debbie Jaco, Jody Belonga, Renae Goens, Renee Counterman, Gina Masten, Traci Grudecki, Susan Diljak, Sue Filipunas, Bonnie Ray, Heidi Smith, Annie Pitts, Mark Serbenski, Adam Serbenski, and Carol Roley.

## Welcome Mr. Stenner

New to-the middle school staff as of the past week is Mr. Stenner who will be teaching 6th grade math and English. Students will remember Mr. Stenner from last year when he worked with Mrs. Coleman and assisted in the cafeteria and on the playground at noon hours. Mr. Stenner has also been around this year substituting in a variety of classes. We welcome him to our school again.

## student teachers

Also new this past semester are Mrs. Mason and Mr. Grossa, student teachers for the art and industrial arts classes.

Mrs. Mason grew up in Lawrence, Michigan and attended Lawrence High School. She is majoring in art education at Western Michigan University. She enjoys teaching and working with people.

Her interests are sewing and bicycling. She is enjoying her time here at the middle school.

Mr. Grossa grew up in Redford,



Michigan. He attended Redford Union High School. At Western, he is majoring in woodworking. Mr. Grossa says he enjoys teaching and that his student teaching here has been a "worthwhile experience."

Mr. Grossa's hobby is working with antiques. For those who are curious, Mr. Grossa is 21 and says he isn't thinking about marriage yet.

jb & dj

## Conference March 22-23

Plan ahead. Conference days are March 22 and 23. Students will be home those two days but teachers will be at school to visit with parents.

## INDIAN IN GYM

The gym floor now has an Indian head painted on it. Ms. Lundquist worked many hours the weekend of February 23rd painting the head for student council. Stop by and see it.

## pep club ends

Pep Club ended last week with the end of the basketball season. Mrs. Herm was the advisor for the seven squads of pep club members.

Here are the names of the girls who cheered: Seventh graders were Pam Woodhams, Minday Racette, Patty Ross, Gail Lindenbach, Tracy Marks, Carrie Floyd, Janice Yarbrough, Dawn Mullina, Laurie Dietz, Beth Surdy, Teresa Quick, Michelle Page, Julie Kondor, Pam Barich, Suzanne Kowalski, Debbie Haefner, Jami Bowman, Tammy Hiemstra, Kim Banner, Leann Fooy, Michele Herwick, Ora Lee Gipson, Stacy Crance, Lacy Owens, Theresa Guimond, Lisa Wilson, Connie Weston, Michelle Ranger, Loretta Alsup, Ram Ritsema, Tracy McNeil, Lynn Blasius, and Rhonda Barker.

Eighth graders included Cheryl Smith, Pam DePierre, Jayne Whittington, Donna Rook, Denise Wise, Jana Preston, Cindy Soule, Bonnie Cooper, and Sandy, Lesley Smith, Sue Filipunas, Debbie Futtrell, Dawn Pierson, Mary Schauer, and Stephanie Baughman.

6th

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the sixth graders have had their chance to get involved in basketball. Boys and girls both are playing nightly coached by Mr. Watterworth and Mr. Ruesink. Play

## BASKETBALL SEASON

The basketball season is over for seventh and eighth grade boys. The final review of the games shows the following statistics for the eighth grade boys.

8th

January 29-	Allegan/PAWPAW	-Allegan
	B-17	-37
	A-17	-40
January 31-	Lawton / PAWPAW	-Lawton
		40-15
February 7-	Three Rivers/PP	-T.R.
	B-30	-74
	A-19	-36
Feb. 10-	Coloma / PAWPAW	Coloma
		27-25
Feb. 13-	Vicksburg/PAWPAW	-V'burg
	B-8	-19
	A-11	-24
Feb. 15-	Allegan/ PAWPAW	-Allegan
	B-11	-28
	A-25	-33
Feb. 21-	Three Rivers/PAWPAW	-T.R.
	B-17	-50
	A-23	-60
Feb. 22-	N.Christian/PAWPAW-	N.C.
	B-12	-23
	A-	36-39

7th

The seventh grade boys' final scores looked like this:

B team	A team
PP 18- Allegan 26	PP 18 Allegan 38
PP 12-T.Rivers 39	PP 27 Lawton 26
PP 9-V'burg 35	PP 16 T.Rivers 55
PP 14-Allegan 35	PP 37 Coloma 28
PP 14-T.Rivers 52	PP 24 V'burg 25
PP18- N.Chris. 34	PP 37 Allegan 39
	PP 23 T.Rivers 43
	PP18 N. Christian 34

The coaches this season were Mr. Snell and Mr. Erickson.

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will continue into April. The games are played in the gym with other middle school sixth graders.



# WHO'S AFRAID of WILLFRED? a sudden scraping sound...

Hello, my name is Willfred T. Wolf and I live in (or did live in) Nopig, Iowa. The reason I am here is that some pesky reporter from the middle school Good Times came all the way up here to heaven to interview me about my harrowing experience. Before I tell my story, I think that I should tell you a little about myself.

I am a reformed pigaholic and so I grow lots of veggies. Squash is favorite. I have allergies, am very neighborly, and am a practical joker.

The other day I was hoeing my veggies just a-mindin' my own business when all of a sudden these three juicy sides of bacon come tearing through my garden each carrying a load of something or other. The first was carrying straw, the second, sticks, and the third, bricks. One of those promptly proceeded to fall and pulverize my parsely.

Since I'm the neighborly type, I dedided to go meet them, and also take some promptly pulverized parsley to them.

As soon as I got to the first house, the pig started raising a racket. So I decided to go along with the joke and pretend to try to get in. I yelled "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" when bang!. My allergies hit. (straw, you know) Right then I sneezed the biggest sneeze that I've ever sneezed. I blew that bacon's house to pieces. The poor wretch got so scared he zoomed to the next pig's house.

I went to that next house and darned if the same thing didn't happen again. (the sticks this time did it).

Finally I went to the third house but I didn't sneeze. Bricks don't bother me. However I couldn't attract their attention. So I climbed up onto the roof and slid down the chimney, landing to my surprise, in a boiling pot of water. And, as you probably know, that proved to be my fatal mistake.

d. h.

## read-a-thon

Are you supporting the Read-a-thon? Middle schoolers saw a film and heard a presentation Feb. 21 that introduced them to the M.S. Readathon. Students read books and are then given money from sponsors they've asked for each book they read.

The money goes to the M.S. society.

— It was a cold November night as Jim sat alone in the house. Suddenly he heard a scraping noise. What could it be? Could it be a tree limb scraping the house? Then he heard it again. It sounded like it was coming from the attic. Should I go up there? Jim thought as the noises grew louder.

Finally Jim got his courage up. He headed up the steps to the attic. He got to the last step and said "I don't know what or who you are, but I don't like those noises you're making." Then he went on up and opened the attic door.

The attic was empty except for a few boxes, an old couch, and a few pictures. He heard the noise again. He looked around. It came again. It was coming from an old trunk he put up there last summer. He crept over to the box. The sounds kept coming. He didn't know if he should open the trunk or not, but he did. There was a large brown, furry cat in the trunk. She had five tiny kittens with her.

Jim figured that she jumped into the trunk and had knocked the lid shut.

He took them all downstairs and gave them milk. And, as far as I know, Jim still has those cats.

R. Barnett

## CHANGES

Looking out,  
See the leaves turn green  
See the flowers bloom, then fade  
A clear blue mountain lake  
Where the cool brooks and streams  
Slowly warmed by a friendly breeze  
That brings with it  
The promise of renewing all things  
That have grown old.  
And, as the days grow warmer,  
The days grow longer,  
Bringing the promise  
Of new surroundings.  
The leaves on the trees  
Turn colors, green to gold and fall,  
Covering the ground with a carpet  
Of soft foliage.  
As the days shorten,  
And the air crispens,  
I wonder  
Why does time pass so quickly?  
And I realize that  
These changes might be  
Images in my mind.

T. G.



## Your Favorite Instrument,

The middle school reving reporters got more organized than usual this time and passed out surveys rather than just simply asking questions randomly. Six questions were asked. Space will allow us to print only half of the survey this time. We will attempt to cover the rest of it in the next issue.

In response to the question what is your favorite musical instrument here were the replies. Forty-eight people chose the guitar as their favorite instrument. Thirty-four picked the flute, while drums were popular with fourteen people.

Scott Craddock, J.D. McKenzie, and eight other people chose the saxophone. Clarinets were the choice of Laura Bare, Lisa Mettler, and Toni Tovas as well as five other people.

Joe Snowaert likes the trombone. So do Todd Steinke, Eric Wing, Joe Schauer, Linda Kunow and Dennis Kelly.

Julie Jacobs picked the organ while the piano was a favorite for Tom Schaafsma, Darlee Sykes, Marty Albar, Gina Rigozzi and eight others.

Lori Fisk, Randy Begeman, Rich Stanley, Lisa Stack, Adam Serbenski and several others prefer the coronet. In fact, seventeen in all chose it.

The radio was a favorite musical instrument for ten people. Among them were Jana Preston, Sue Filipunas, JOe Bain, Kevin Stevens and Rick Klingel.

Mr. Watterworth's favorite is the accordian, Mr. Lutz chose the nose flute and Mr. Edinger picked the strobe light.

The next question the survey tackled was "What is your favorite singer or singing group?"

## Singers & Songs

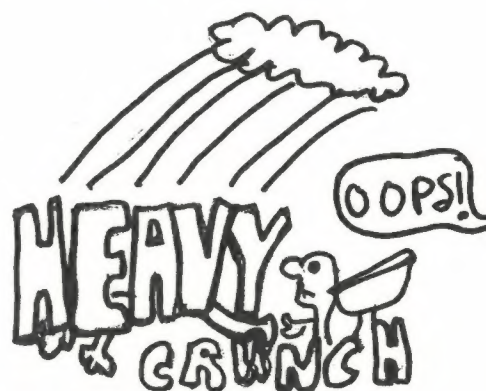
In this category, we got a real variety of replies. Tops in the favorite groups category was Kiss with 19 people choosing Kiss. The BeeGees were also popular with 19 people. Three people liked the Commodores. They were Ora Lee Gipson, Scott Craddock, and Sheila Dum-die. Boston was the choice of Dennis Cagle, Pam DePierre, Joe Tovas, and Matt Gauthier. Zacharias Beckamn chose the Beatles. Kim Blok likes Nazareth, Brenda Danger chose the Beach Boys, Greg Seekman likes Styx, Jim Thomas likes the Blues Brothers, Andy Belson like Aerosmith, Robin Haas chose Peaches and Erb, Foreigner was Karen Gilman's choice and Steve Ballard picked Foghat.

Andy Gibb was the favorite singer for Mindy Donovan, Lacy Owens, Kim Krause, and fourteen others. Olivia Newton-John tops the list for Kurt Lucas, Alan Richmond, William Stanley and twelve other students. Rod Stewart was quite popular with Cheryl Berry, Nysa Curtis, Dan Belson, Ron Dopieralski, and fourteen other students.

Barry Manilow was picked as a favorite by Terry Thomas, Mike Rieck, Lesley Smith and seven other middle schoolers, Peter Frampton was Laurie Dietz, Jayne Whittington, and J.D. McKenzie's favorite. Ramona Smith and Bobbi Buell liked Leif Garrett while Stephen McManus, Andy Breitenbach and Kathleen McManus like John Denver.

Lonny Wheatley likes Alice Cooper, Paul Higashi likes Paul Nicholas, Mary Wilkinson chose James Taylor, Cindy Vargas likes Teddy Pendergrass and Julie Reits prefers Melissa Manchester.

John Travolta is a favorite of Renee' Counterman, Toni Moorian likes Mac Davis.





## more hits---

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Dale Evans is Mr. Watterworth's pick. Foster Brooks is Mr. Lutz's favorite and Ricky Nelson is the choice of Mr. Edinger.

🎵 The next question tackled by the survey was "What is your favorite song?" With the middle schoolers, several songs seemed most popular. We all seem to like "YMCA", "If you think I'm sexy", 🎵 "Le Freak" and "Freak-out," just to mention some of them. Thirty students out of the two hundred polled chose "If you think I'm sexy".

"Le Freak" was the choice of Thom Payne, Jeff Allen, and ten others. Julie Kemp and Don Boven and several others like "Freak out." Karen Manning, Jackie Van Alstine, and Kara Lucas picked "A Little More Love."

Mark Klein, Bob Zdzinicki, Chris Kay and eight other people chose "Y.M.C.A.". Mr. Edinger's favorite is "North to Alaska." Mr. Watterworth's favorite is "I'm not Here or Forget You," and "Hernando Hideaway" is a favorite of Mr. Lutz.

Robetta Casasanto and Bill Wright were among those who chose "Tragedy." Kelly Goodwin, Jenny Waite, and Lacy Owens like "Macho Man." Laura Bare likes the song "Fire" as do Laura Fritts, and Biff Gyarmathy.

Rafael Tovias and Todd Demereck chose "Too Much Heaven." "Hot Child in the City" was the choice of Vicky Kanwischer and Rich Conway. "Three Times a Lady" is the pick of Paula Jones. Darlee Sykes likes "Aqua Boogie." Kristy Kapiliathis likes "Sharing the night Together." Joe Tovias picks "Diary." Sheray Manuel likes "Instant REplay." Jim Shank likes "Convoy." Craig Cronk chooses "Hot Blooded," Lori Fisk picks "Hold the Line", and Tony Latta likes "You're Insane."

"Can't Smile Without You" is a favorite with Joanne Hughes. Aneda Roberts picked "Detroit Rock City." "September" was a hit with Adam Serbenski, Brian McMullen, Travis Stephenson, and others.

Richard Barnett picked "Take the Money and Run." Kim McDowell likes "The Gambler." Beth is a favorite with Rich Peters and Tammy Smith. Stephanie Stanis likes "Every Which Way but Loose," while Sandi Vollrath likes "Dreams." Julie Jacobs picked "Still the Same", and "Cat Scratch Fever" was Jeff Jackson's choice. David Fellheimer

liked "Everyone's a Winner" as did Matt Osment. Pat Verville chose "Week-end Warriors" by Ted Nugent.

Rick White chose "Horse With no Name," Ron St. Clair likes, "The King is Dead", and Lesley Smith chose "Stairway to Heaven."

Bryan Stevens likes "Day Break" while "Afternoon Delight" is Tina Mortimore's choice. "Fly Away" was Kathy McManus's choice. Julie Clark likes "Night Life." Carrie Floyd chose "Leavin' on Jet Plane," while "Shadow Dancing" was Jennifer Eason's choice.

There were many more selections but for the sake of space we cannot list them all.

